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Barkha, the graded reading series is developed for students of Grade I and II. The objective of the series is to provide opportunity to young children to engage with books and read meaningfully. Gradation across levels has been achieved by variation in syntax, number of words and complexity of sub-plots. Barkha facilitates reading for pleasure in children and helps them become fluent readers. Children find everyday events as interesting as stories; hence, all the stories of Barkha are based on their daily life experiences. The stories of Barkha are spread out in four levels and five themes— (i) Relationships; (ii) Birds-Animals; (iii) Musical Instruments, Games and Toys; (iv) Around us and (v) Food. Another objective of the reading series is to provide plenty of books to children. It also helps in cognitive development of children in all curricular domains.

It is suggested that *Barkha* books be kept at a place in the classroom where children have easy access.

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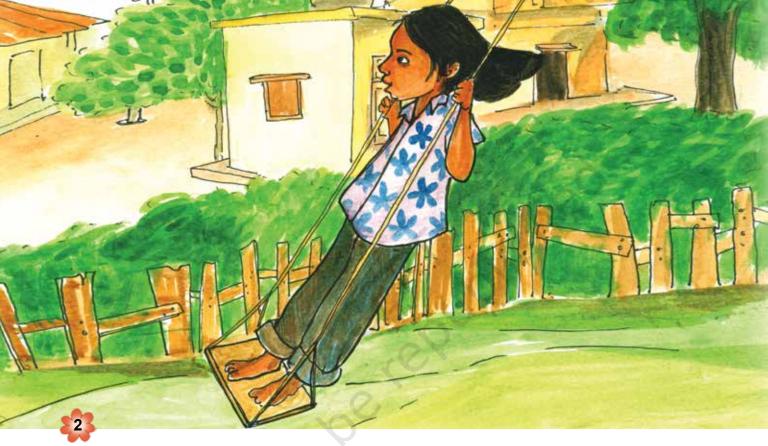
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Mili's Hair







Mili had long hair. Mummy used to make two plaits in her hair. Mummy used to like braiding Mili's hair.



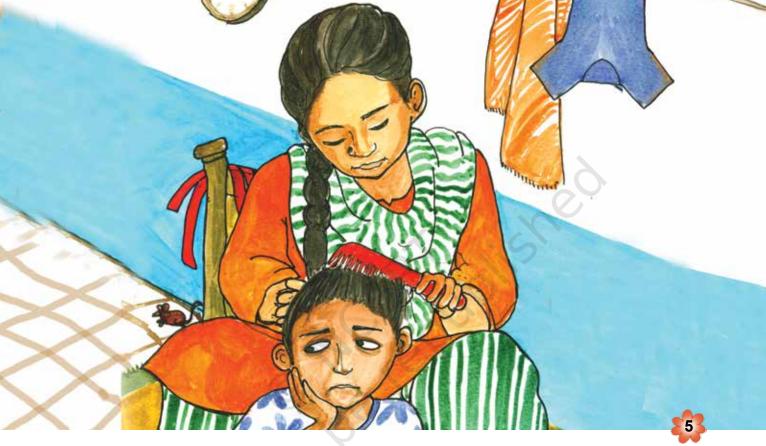
Mummy oiled Mili's hair everyday. Everyday, she oiled and made two plaits of Mili's hair. Mili did not like to get plaits made.



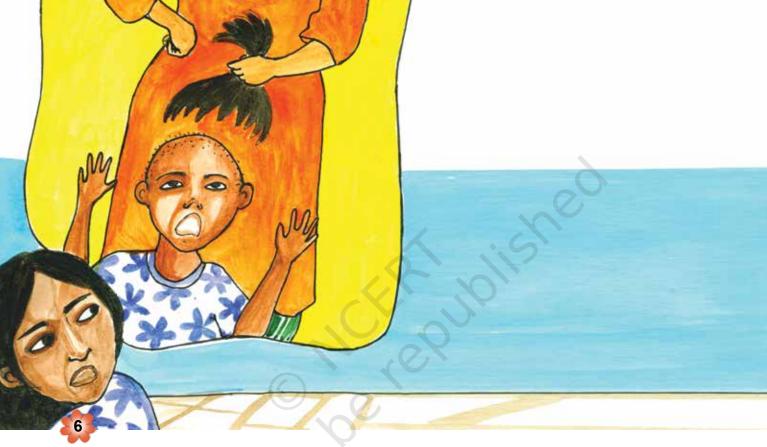
Mili liked to leave her hair loose.

She liked the hair to be free.

She would keep twirling her hair with her fingers.



Mili got irritated whenever Mummy braided her hair. Her mother braided her hair tightly. Mili found it painful.



Mili felt her hair will be pulled out.
Mili would scream while getting her plaits made.
She constantly pushed Mummy's hands away.



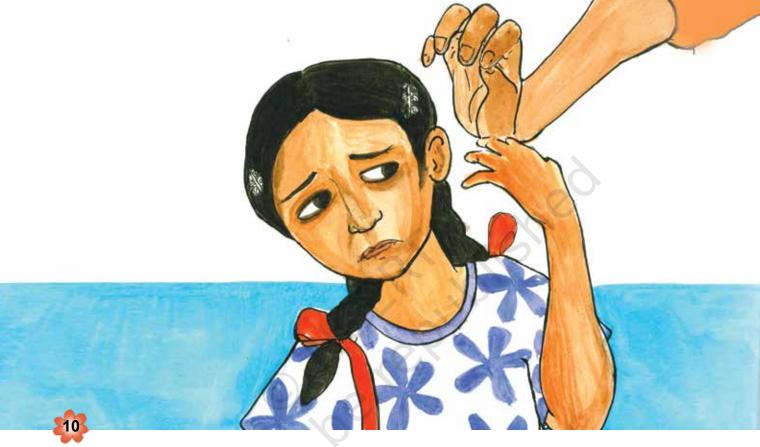
Many a times, Mili used to undo the plaits. She wandered around with loose hair. Mummy used to get very annoyed.



If Mummy tied a ribbon, Mili would undo the ribbon. She pulled the threads of the ribbon and throw in the air. She also made flowers of the ribbon.



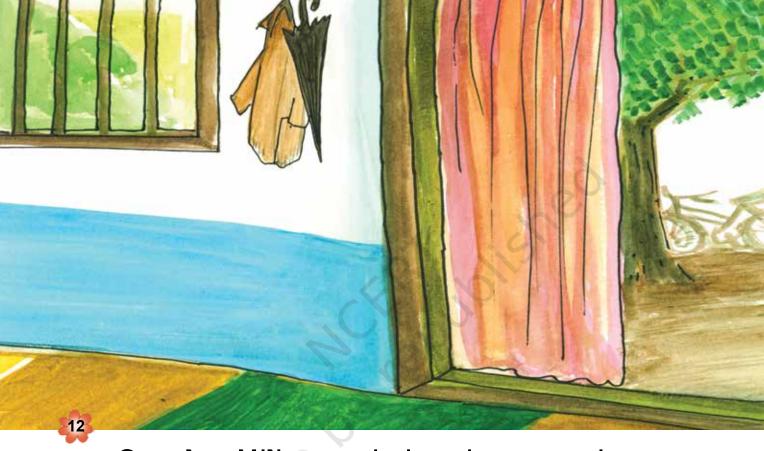
Mummy put hairclips and Mili took them out. Mili pretended it to be an insect and kept playing with it. She would tie a ribbon to the hairclip and run around.



Mili wanted to keep her hair loose. Mummy always wanted to make plaits. They always had a fight about it.



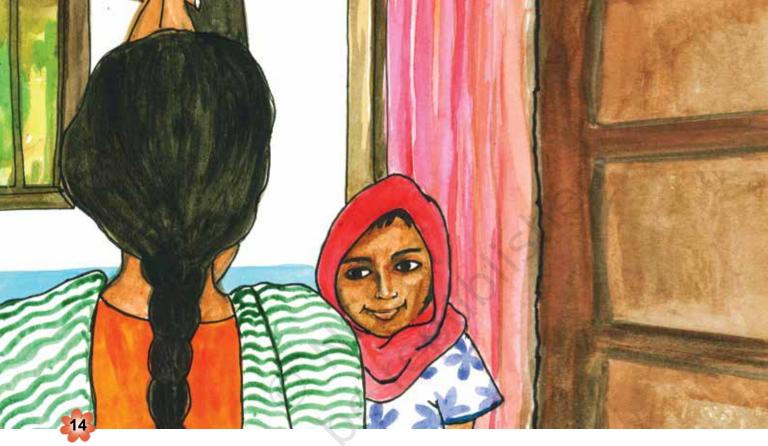
Mili was upset with her Mummy. And Mummy was upset with Mili. They both were upset with each other.



One day, Mili was missing since morning. Mili's father too was not at home. Mummy looked for them a lot.



Mili had gone to the market with her father. The market was very crowded. Both of them went to a shop.



Mili and her father returned home in the afternoon. Mili went running to her Mummy. She asked her mother to braid her hair.



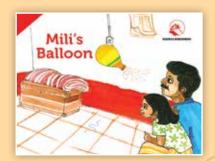
Mili had got her hair shortened. Mummy smiled and gently stroked her hair. She hugged Mili.



Next day, Mummy brought something for Mili's hair. Like every day, she sat to oil Mili's hair. Mili also got her hair oiled without a fuss.

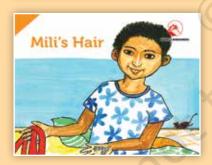
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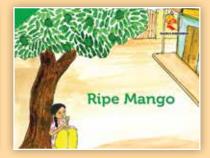






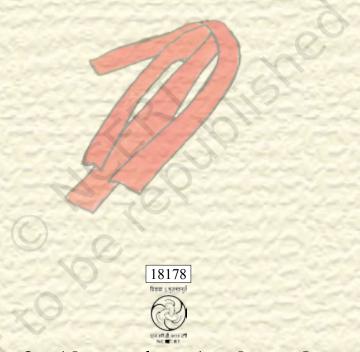












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